



The Raleigh Amateur Radio Society's **EXCITER**

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- RARS General Membership meeting: **Second Tuesday** of the month.
- The RARS net meets every night except Saturday @ 8 p.m. on 146.640.
- The RARS Technical & Trader's net: Saturdays @ 8:00 PM on 146.64.
- RARS meets for a monthly dinner on the **third Tuesday** of each month.
- On the **fourth Tuesday** of every month, in-person meeting at Ridge Road Baptist Church where there will be project tables, demos, snacks, and socializing.



PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

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<https://www.rars.org/public-service.php>

frequently for our ham public service schedule.

RARS General Meeting

Date: April 14, 2026

Topic: Networked Repeaters

By: Brian Knoll, AA4BK

Where: Ridge Road Baptist Church

Time: In-Person and Zoom Meeting at 7:30 PM, [More info at RARS.org](https://www.rars.org)

RARS In Person Gathering

Date: April 28, 2026

Where: Ridge Road Baptist Church

Time: 7:00 PM

In-person Gathering at Ridge Road Baptist Church where there will be project tables, demos, snacks, and socializing.

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The Raleigh Amateur Radio Society

The Raleigh Amateur Radio Society, Inc. (RARS) was founded in 1969 and continues to serve and support the amateur radio community in the greater Triangle area. In 1999, the society incorporated a new RARS and obtained 501(c)(3) non-profit tax status.

The objectives of the club are to promote worldwide friendship through amateur radio; to be of public service by providing radio communications in times of disaster, emergency, or civic needs; to educate members in radio technique, and to provide training classes to assist in obtaining amateur radio licenses.

Anyone interested in amateur radio is eligible to apply for membership. Regular dues for licensed amateurs are \$18 per year. (From July 1 through June 30.) Additional licensed immediate family members pay \$5 each per year. Dues for licensed full-time students and licensed seniors 60 and over are \$12 per year. Unlicensed individuals may become associate members for \$9 per year. Applications for membership are available from the treasurer or on the RARS web site.

<https://www.rars.org>

EXciter

The **EX**citer is the official newsletter of the Raleigh Amateur Radio Society. It appears each month as a PDF on the RARS website at www.rars.org. Members receive email notification when the latest version is available. Please provide your email address to the Treasurer.

The **EX**citer welcomes articles, advertisements, and other contributions. To submit a piece to the newsletter, please contact the Editor. The Editor reserves the right to edit any and all pieces. The submission deadline for each month's **EX**citer is the Saturday that is ten days before the general meeting. All submissions must be final. Drafts are not accepted.

The views expressed in the **EX**citer are those of the individual authors and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Editor or RARS.

Tom Lewis, N4TL, editor (editor@rars.org)

President's Message for March 2026

Congratulations to RARSfest Chair Nancy KB2TNR and [the entire RARSfest team](#) for a fantastic event on Saturday, April 4th! RARSfest has gotten better every year, and this year was no exception!

In a continuing effort to evolve, we tried a couple of new things this year. We sold a limited number RARSfest 2026 t-shirts, initially online during the last few of weeks of the “Early Bird” period and then at the event itself. If you weren’t able to snag one, we will likely have the 2027 edition next year. We also expanded the amount of information available on monitors around the show floor. In addition to the scrolling prize display, which we introduced last year, we displayed flea market table assignments, the forum schedule, and maps showing the flea market, dealer area, and forum rooms.

We were thrilled to see Ham Radio Outlet return for the fourth year in a row, but we were also excited to add six new dealers/vendors this year – BlackAtlas; LaserHam; LowMesh; PotaPower; RocketMachineWorx; and World Radio League. We were delighted to see the return of QuickSilver Radio under new management (clearly a family affair) after missing last year. We also added four new exhibitors – Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS), with whom we partnered for an ISS contact in January (see the [February 2026 edition of the EXciter](#)); the National Amateur Radio Alliance; the National MS Society; and Parks on the Air. You can find links to all the dealers and exhibitors on the [RARSfest website](#). You can also sign up on the [HPSNC.org website](#) to support the National MS Society’s event in Raleigh in less than two weeks (scroll down to April 18)!

You might wonder how we recruit and retain new dealers and exhibitors. It’s all done behind the scenes. Nancy KB2TNR (with the support of Tadd KA2DEW and occasionally others) travels to hamfests around the state and to the “big three” (see the President’s Message in the [March EXciter](#)), speaking to dealers and exhibitors and promoting RARSfest. Ham Radio Outlet attends RARSfest because Nancy recruited them at Hamvention. Diamond Antenna comes because HRO told them RARSfest was not to be missed. All of the new dealers this year were recruited at Hamvention last May or HamCation this past February.

Organizing RARSfest is a year-long exercise. The team is already thinking about ways to improve the event for next year. So mark your calendar now for RARSfest on April 3, 2027, and cancel any other plans you might have that day!

73,
Tony
K1OC

March 10, 2026 RARS meeting

President Tony O'Connor, K1OC, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. He reminded Zoom participants of a few notes about using Zoom. See the minutes for all the details during the meeting on [page 30](#).



Tony O'Connor, K1OC, starting the meeting



We are back in the regular meeting room , the construction updates are done

March 10, 2026 RARS meeting, continued



Door prize winners
Jay Gilleece, KQ4PSK; Ryan Conifer, KR7PDX; Dan Stancil, WY3O



2026 RARS Awards Presentation by Bob Starkenburg W4TTX

March 10, 2026 RARS meeting, continued

2026 RARS Certificates of Appreciation

Marty Young, W4MY, recognized for his dedication to RARS by stepping up to organize Field Day 2025.

John Brier, K4EB, recognized for organizing and implementing a RARS satellite program including a \$14,000 equipment grant and the January 2026 ISS contact at Conn Elementary School (with most of the work conducted in 2025).

Brantley West, K4CBW, recognized for his hard work in organizing and running the Portable Ops Group and support for the new satellite program.

Devin Hedge, KN4FVH, recognized for his outstanding contributions of time and audio/video equipment allowing RARS to meet virtually and in person.

Carl Davis, W8WZ, for his unwavering support of RARS over the years, including his roles as past president and procuring several grants enabling RARS to purchase HF/VHF/UHF radios and satellite equipment.



Devin Hedge, KN4FVH; Brantley West, K4CBW; Carl Davis, W8WZ
(not present but Brantley is showing his QSL card)

John Brier, K4EB; Marty Young, W4MY,

March 10, 2026 RARS meeting, continued



Brantley West K4CBW

Portable Operating Group

The next club outing will be March 28th at Jordan Lake. John K4EB will be setting up the club's new satellite system.



On the left, Julie McCrary, KT4JR, asking for volunteers who could be "runners" to help with the licensing testing

On the right, Nancy Torborg KB2TNR spoke about RARSfest 2026

March 10, 2026 RARS meeting, continued



Raleigh Amateur Radio Society

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146.64 • 145.13 (82.5) • 444.525 (82.5)



RARSfest™ 2026

- Setup - Friday, April 3th Noon-7pm
- Show - Saturday, April 4th 8am-3pm
- Tickets: \$10 advance; \$12 at the door
- Registered volunteers get in free

Nancy Torborg
KB2TNR

"Early Bird" Ticket/Table Purchase Prize (MUST PURCHASE BY MARCH 28):



- ICOM IC-2730A Dual Band Mobile
- Tickets are on sale NOW!
- Pre-Sale \$10 (ends March 28th); \$12 at Door

March 10, 2026 RARS meeting, continued

Prizes!!

Grand Prize:



YAESU FTDX10 HF Radio will be drawn at 2:00 (need not be present to win)

First Prize:



YAESU FTM-500DR FM/C4FM Dual Band Mobile will be drawn at 1pm (need not be present to win)

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Hourly Prizes!!



- Morse Nexus
- Hamvention
- Mastrant

- Alpha Antenna
- RT Systems
- Heil Sound/Ham Radio
- DX Engineering



- Armorloq
- ABR
- ARRL

March 10, 2026 RARS meeting, continued

Volunteer Perks: (registered volunteers)

- Free admission for yourself (not eligible for prize drawings)
- Eligible to win a FT-70DR HT
- Commemorative 2026 RARSfest T-Shirt; to be worn on-site, but yours to keep!
- Consignment Table!!



Greatest needs:

1. **Prize & Information Center:** Friday & Saturday
2. **Security:** Friday & Saturday
3. **Consignment Table:** Friday & Saturday
4. **Flea Market:** Saturday
5. **Forum Rooms:** Saturday



March 10, 2026 RARS meeting, continued

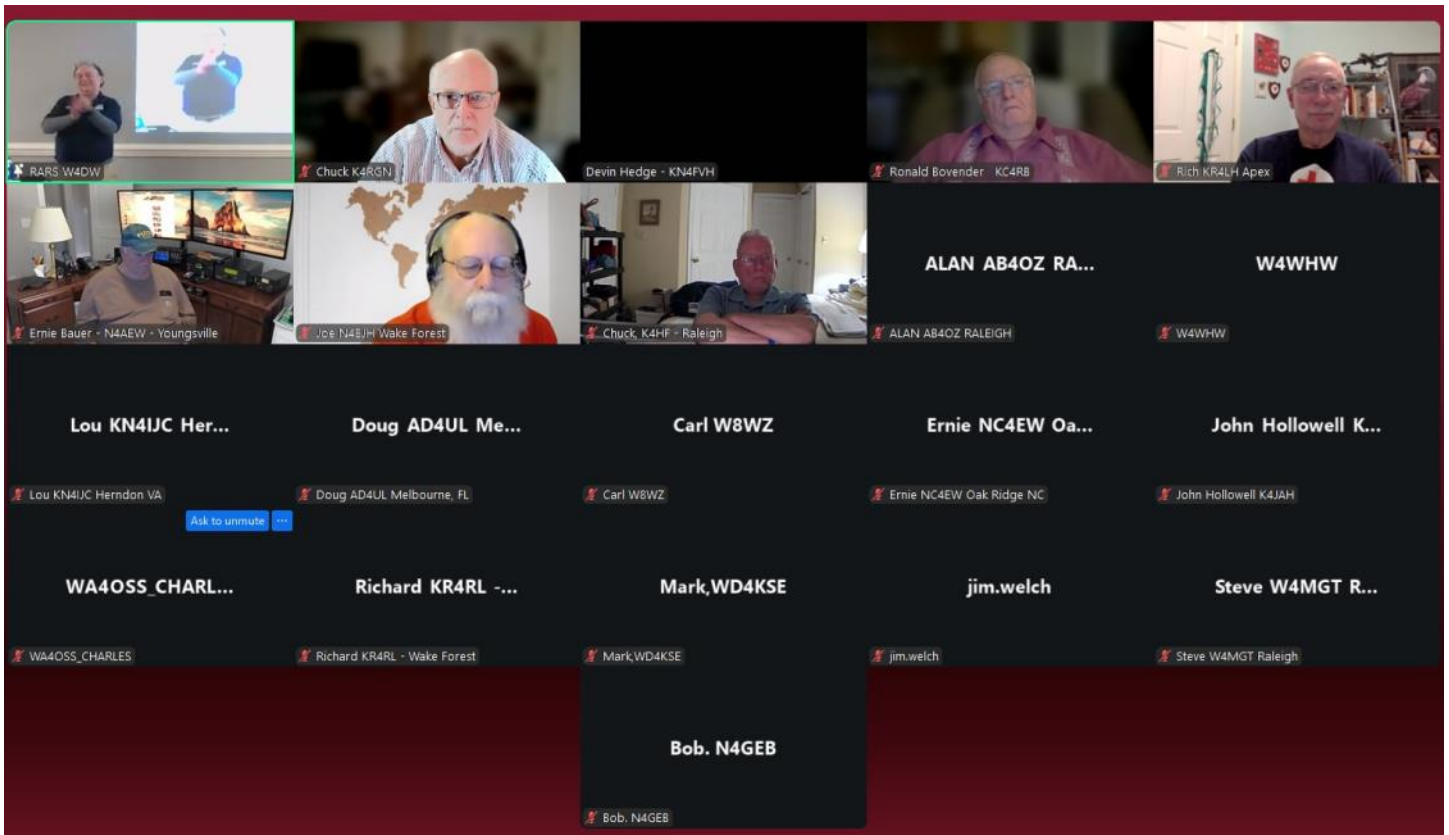
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Arash Manafirad	KR4GOJ	Kurland, Josh	KR4BTW
Barron, Jim	N4CVT	Latchum, Ken	AD4GX
Bazemore, Brad	KK4PWJ	LEU, DAVID	W4LEU
Benjamin Price	WSRL772	Lewis, Tom	N4TL
Bob Sarkenburg	W4TTX	Lindsley, Jeremy	K2HJX
Boling, John	NC4TI	Marty Young	W4MY
Brier, John	K4EB	MARUCA, John	KK4ETV
CONIFER, RYAN	KR7PDX	Mason, Dennis	WZ0Q
Crawford, David	KF4VXJ	Grace Goverman	KR4KDW
Gilleece III, Jay	KQ4PSK	OConnor, Jr., Tony	K1OC
Gold, Fin	NC4FG	Peters, Scott	KR4HGG
Goss, Jr., Wilbur	WD4RDT	RAYBERN, Justin	KS2RDU
Gwaltney, Jr., Will	WA4GK	Royster, Julie	KT4JR
Haffly, Stephen	NY4NC	Ryan Reed	N7RYN
Hedge, Devin	KN4FVH	Schwartz, Tom	NC4TS
Hollowell, John	K4JAH	Seamster, Greg	KE4PAX
Honeycutt, John	N8ZU	Sherman, Bruce	KI4PAC
Ivan Waldorf	KN4IWR	Stancil, Dan	WY3O
Jake Lara	NOCALL	Swindell, Charles	WB4DCM
Johnson, Michael	KZ4LY	TIM THURBER	WX4TIM
Jones, Dale	WA4JCK	Torborg, Nancy	KB2TNR
Joondeph, Mike	N1JDW	Torborg, Tadd	KA2DEW
Keith, Dennis	NC4DK	West III, Brantley	K4CBW

Josh Kurland, KR4BTW, has a laptop computer at the door for people to sign in. If you are a member of RARS, type your callsign and hit enter on the keyboard. The spreadsheet will automatically fill in the rest. Visitors will need to enter their full information.

46 people signed in at the meeting

See the next page for the people on zoom.

March 10, 2026 RARS meeting, continued



Zoom screen capture during the meeting.

46 People attended in person plus 19 on zoom.

65 total

March 2026 RARS Net Report

31 2m nets: 433 checkins, 867 minutes duration

4 6m nets: 53 checkins, 68 minutes duration

Julie McCrary, KT4JR,
RARS net manager

RARS MONTHLY SUPPER, IHOP RESTAURANT MARCH 17, 2026



Names, starting left front and clockwise around the picture.

David Crawford, KF4VXJ; Andrea Buttine; Chris Buttine, KC1GN;
Chuck Littlewood, K4HF; Ken Latchum, AD4GX; Dennis Mason, WZ0Q;
John Honeycutt, N8ZU; Bob Chew, K4YXM; Chet Bowen, KZ4CJB

Tom Lewis, N4TL taking the picture

RARS meets for a monthly dinner on the third Tuesday of each month. We meet at the iHop restaurant, 6:30PM. Its on the corner of 6 forks road and Sawmill RD. [7471 Six Forks Rd.](#)

Monthly In-Person RARS Gathering, March 24, 2025

Ridge Road Baptist Church, at [2011 Ridge Road, Raleigh](#)

I forgot to take pictures at the RARS Gathering

73 Tom N4TL

Call Sign	Full Name	Call Sign	Full Name
AD4GX	Latchum, Ken	KR4HKA	Yalcin, Utku
K1OC	OConnor, Jr., Tony	KR4JNS	Lewis, Benjamin
K4CBW	West, Brantley	KR4KDW	Goverman, Grace
K4MHM	Merner, Murray	KR4LH	Hall, Richard
K4TMI	Sturr, Max	KT4JR	McCrary, Julie
KA2DEW	Torborg, Tadd	KZ4LY	Johnson, Michael
KB2TNR	Torborg, Nancy	N1JDW	Joondeph, Mike
KE2IBQ	Lara, Jacob	N4BJH	Haggerty, Jr, Joe
KE4DRN	Marolda, James	N4TL	Lewis, Tom
KE4PAX	Seamster, Greg	N7RYN	Reed, Ryan
KI4PAC	Sherman, Bruce	NC4DK	Keith, Dennis
KM4TH	Johnson, Kim	NC4TI	Boling, John
KO4PAS	Kerley, Mike	NOCALL	Sinclair, Gabriel
KO4PZA	Dugdell, Paul	NOCALL	Johnson, Luke
KO4ZHO	Seaman, Jim	NY4NC	Haffly, Stephen
KQ4GOB	Berzinskas, Daniel	W4NAB	Baker, Nick
KQ4UXZ	Enders, Hans	WP4TGK	Gilberto Diaz-Castro
KR4BGL	lawrence Riley	WW1H	Berzinskas III, Bill
KR4BTK	Garland, Deb	WX4TIM	Thurber, Tim
KR4BTW	Kurland, Josh	WY3O	Stancil, Dan
KR4BUR	Chellis, Randy	WY5L	Jaber, Will
KR4GOJ	Manafirad, Arash	WZ0Q	Mason, Dennis
KR4GYQ	Cullinan, Brian		

RARS Gathering attendees copied from RARS Discord

45 people signed in

RARSfest 2026, The Raleigh Hamfest



Picture by Tim, WX4TIM



Picture by Josh KK4RSV



Picture by Josh KK4RSV

Pictures copied from RARS Discord



HAMFEST HOTLINE

APRIL 2026

Thank you to our 68 volunteers! Many worked multiple shifts, and some aren't even RARS members or hams. We couldn't do this without you. You guys were not only the “face” of RARSfest, but also the ambassadors of amateur radio to all who attended.

I've been asked how many tickets we sold, as a measure of success. It's one way of measuring success. We sold more tickets online than before, and adding to those who purchased at the door, we are selling more tickets year over year.

I look for different indicators that show to the world RARSfest is indeed growing and thriving, when many established hamfests are shrinking or disappearing altogether.

I noticed a significant number of attendees still on the floor transacting business after 2:30. We received requests from multiple YouTubers for Press credentials; their coverage is the key to expanding awareness of our fine event. We had multiple new dealers asking if we had room, because they had heard of our successes from other dealers who had already attended. We received more than a dozen high-caliber Forum proposals, so we were able to offer those attending a myriad of choices.

- Alongside Marv Hoffman, Bill Morine, and Jim Boehner, we welcomed the newest ARRL Second Vice President, Rick Niswander, K7GM.
- We welcomed new Dealers: BlackAtlas (NC State Grad!), The Laser Ham, LowMesh, Rocket Machine Worx, and World Radio League/Ham Radio Prep.
- New non-profit groups include National Amateur Radio Alliance (NARA), National MS Society, Parks on the Air, and Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS).
- YouTubers in attendance: POTA Power (Julie & Vaughn Foust), Comms by Kemp Outside (Kevin Kemp), and Ham Radio Tectonics (Bill Watkins). We also had an interview on HamShack TV, which received nearly 4000 views.

I am also proud that so many dealers and non-profits eagerly return to RARSfest each year. Their goodwill and spreading our reputation to the newcomers listed above is what is enabling our hamfest to take its place close to “The Big Three”.

Special thanks go to: Jeremy K2HJX, Craig KY4WM, Jenna, Billy KE4VNC, Ryan N7RYN, Fin NC4FG, Charley KE4QBW, Chuck K4RGN, John K4JAH, Greg KE4PAX, Tom N4TL, Josh KR4BTW, Richard KR4LH, Will WA4GK, Tony K1OC and Tadd KA2DEW. While they each had a stated role, every one of them stepped up to take care of issues out of their purview. This team elevated this event and made a venture, so ridiculously complicated, run incredibly smoothly.



SAVE THE DATE
April 3, 2027

RARSfest™
The Raleigh Hamfest

www.rarsfest.org
email: rarsfest@rars.org
Raleigh Amateur Radio Society

Jim Graham Building
North Carolina State Fairgrounds
22 Youth Center Dr., Raleigh, NC

Nancy, KB2TNR

RARS Member Birthdays

Jon	W6PI	04/0
Tim	WX4TIM	04/0
Chuck	WJ4A	04/01
Kenneth	KQ4JID	04/01
Devin	KN4FVH	04/01
Mark	KQ4ZAC	04/02
Roger	KB4FEU	04/02
Bob	W4TTX	04/03
Patrick	KN4YEH	04/04
Dean	KM4WRO	04/06
Garry	KM4MMC	04/07
Ginger	KD4OKP	04/08
Nate	KR4FCN	04/08
Julie	KT4JR	04/09
Dennis	NC4DK	04/10
Dave	K9RI	04/11
Scott	KG4ZYA	04/11
Tim	KO4FJW	04/12
Dave	K4KDP	04/13
Deb	KR4BTK	04/14
Thomas	N4IZE	04/15
Tom	NC4TS	04/15
Christine	KR4ANI	04/16
Peri	KG4IVD	04/16
Ryan	N7RYN	04/17
Charles	KM4MBS	04/17
Hans	KQ4UXZ	04/18
Bill	KZ4LW	04/18
Bill	N0FSD	04/19
Kirk	KI4RK	04/19
Larry	W4LEC	04/19
Rusty	KQ4CAN	04/19
John	W4WWD	04/20

RARS Member Birthdays

Fin	NC4FG	04/22
Joanne	AA3N	04/23
Pete	KI4LWQ	04/23
Dave	KG4OPZ	04/24
Eric	WO2S	04/25
Patrick	W4NMS	04/25
Joe	KT4JOE	04/27
Charlie	WA4OSS	04/27
Stan	W2CK	04/29
Howard	KB3ZX	04/29
John	NC4JP	04/29
Joe	KR4JDY	04/29
Grace	KR4KDW	04/30
Tara	W4TSW	04/30

RARS New Members

Lou Ward	KN4IJC
Ryan Conifer	KR7PDX
Russell Sagraves	KB4QVZ
Alisha Sagraves	Not Licensed
Charles Balik	K4MB
Michael Brown	KR4KDF
Ben Mastridge	KR4IJT
Dick Bessey	WA7PLB
Russ Rossi	KK4IPZ
James Sylivant	K4CPW
James Martin	KO4JTM
Ken Styark	W4KJS
Jeffrey Nash	KI4KNP
Robert Odell	W2IO

RARS More New Members

Duane Cutlip	AI8U
Amelia Cutlip	KQ4TAQ
Roy Sutherland	KZ4VP
David Katinsky	N2RDT
Mark Wagner	N4ET
Bill Hobbs	N4XOV
Robert Montague	KK4EBJ
Sameer Tiwari	AA6ST
Mark Metcalf	KR4JYY
Scott Peters	KR4HGG
Alex McTighe	KB2NAF
Neal McTighe	KB2NAE
Tom Nee	Waiting
Carl Frega	KN4QQU
Dave Sniffin	N4RDV
Evan New-Schmidt	KO6NED
Barb Taylor	KQ4RUT
Paul Turinsky	K2YJG
Rande McAlexander	KC0CJN
Mitchell Sands	KR4LEV
Mike Browne	KR4ECS
Susan Schiffman	KR4LGG
Morris Lewis	Not Licensed
Charles Harris	KQ4TNF
Gary Buselt	K3GBC

Upcoming Hamfests

Free AB4OZ Hamfest Saturday May 16, 2026. Setup at 9AM and start at 9:30AM. Location is Ridge Road Baptist Church. 2011 Ridge Rd, Raleigh NC 27607,

DX-pedition ranking

Some of you might enjoy this collection of DX-pedition ranking.

<https://gdx.de/megadxpeditions/honorroll.php>

Copied from the CDXA reflector.

73 Tom N4TL

HAM Radio Lunch

Every Thursday at the New York Diner
909 McKnight Drive, Knightdale, NC 27545
March 11, 2026, 11 AM



Names clockwise around the table.

Dennis Mason, WZ0Q; Alan Pitegoff, AB4OZ; Chuck Littlewood, K4HF;
Walt Chambers, K4ZVK; Mark Metcalf, KR4JYY; Charles Swindell, WB4DCM;
Tom Lewis, N4TL; Ken Latchum, AD4GX; Charles Strickland, WA4OSS

Deepest Sympathies



KE4NGM

Betty Jane Rosenberger Orander, known affectionately as “Meme,” passed away peacefully on February 23, 2026, in Raleigh, North Carolina, at the age of 90.

A transfer of \$50 has been made to the RARS / Dick Bitner Youth Education fund in memory of Betty “Meme” Orander KE4NGM (7/28/1935 – 2/23/2026)

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/raleigh-nc/betty-orander-12760059>

73 Greg KE4PAX

Deepest Sympathies

N4KYW

With heavy hearts, we celebrate
Howard A. Goodman, 84,
who passed away March 5, 2026.

Deepest Sympathies

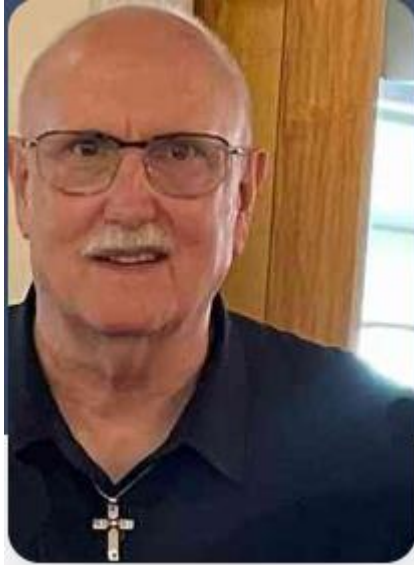
A transfer of \$50 has been made to the RARS / Dick Bitner Youth Education fund in memory of Howard Goodman N4KYW (2/19/1942 – 3/5/2026)

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/newsobserver/name/howard-goodman-obituary?id=60968676>

73, Greg KE4PAX



Deepest Sympathies



Ralph Michael Selmont Jr, NC4RS, 73, of Raleigh, NC, passed away on March 2, 2026 in Raleigh after a short battle with pneumonia.

A transfer of \$50 has been made to the RARS / Dick Bitner Youth Education fund in memory of Ralph Selmont, Jr. NC4RS (1/23/1953 – 3/2/2026).

<https://www.legacy.com/legacy/ralph-selmont-jr>

Free sources of information and news in ham radio by email

Random Wire, a weekly newsletter, <https://www.randomwire.us>

Zero Retries, a weekly newsletter, <https://www.zeroretries.radio> (the .radio sometimes triggers false positives from anti-virus packages)

SWR Magazine, a monthly e-magazine, <https://swrmagazine.org>

Reflector, a monthly e-magazine, <https://www.eastcoastreflector.com/magazine>

Chuck Till, K4RGN

Two items from Murray Merner, K4MHM

World Amateur Radio Day

Every April 18, radio amateurs worldwide take to the airwaves in celebration of World Amateur Radio Day. It was on that day in 1925 that the International Amateur Radio Union was formed in Paris.

<https://www.iaru.org/on-the-air/world-amateur-radio-day/>

National Morse Code Day, April 27

We've heard the sound in movies both old and new, it finds its way into horror movies as some lost mysterious code. Heroes in action flicks use it to help send out secret messages past the villains holding them captive, and secret lovers have passed messages using it in carefully constructed pieces of art or even braille. It served as the foundation for a new era of communication, and has served vital roles in wars old and new. What is it we're talking about? Morse Code of course! Morse Code Day celebrates this amazingly concise, powerful, and influential way of transmitting information and the history of how it changed the world.

<https://www.daysoftheyear.com/days/morse-code-day/>

Ham Public Service North Carolina

Ham Public Service North Carolina (HPSNC) is a group of volunteer licensed amateur radio operators dedicated to providing free communications support and services for charitable events in and around the Triangle region of North Carolina. For more than thirty years, HPSNC has proudly supported events for national and local charities, saving them time, effort, and resources. <https://hpsnc.org/>

2026 EVENT SCHEDULE

<https://hpsnc.org/events>

RARS Classifieds

Copied from <https://www.rars.org/classifieds.php>

The items below were listed within the last 30 days on the RARS website.
Check the RARS Classified List on the RARS website regularly for new items.

The items below were listed within the last 30 days.

Benchner BY-1 Iambic Keyer

Posted April 5th, 2026 by: [N4IZE](#)

Contact: thoswan@att.net

Like new Benchner CW Paddle No scratches or marring of the surface. I am not doing CW anymore due to a couple of TIA's. I live in Raleigh

I would like \$100.00 or Best offer, let me know.

I can be reached by phone or Email.

Thanks,
Thomas

FS: CW Paddles, Kent and Benchner

Posted April 1st, 2026 by: [W4BOH](#)

Contact: infomet@embarqmail.com

I have like new Benchner and Kent double lever paddles for sale.

I don't want to cart them to RARSFEST unless they are presold, so I'm listing them here.

They are from a ham who has gone into care and are super clean, \$150, each.

I'm in Hillsborough. Email me if you want one.

ACOM 1000 Amplifier

Posted March 26th, 2026 by: N4CW

Contact: [N4CW](#)

n4cw@aol.com

Acom 1000 tube-type (GU-74) 160-6M, 1 kW out linear amplifier, \$1500. Also have a couple used GU-74's to go with the amp (included with the sale). Reason for selling: replaced it with higher-power amp (Alpha 8410).

RARS Classifieds continued

FT-101E and Kenwood TS-120s

Posted March 24th, 2026 by: K4TMI

Contact: [K4TMI](#)

sturrku@gmail.com

Yaesu FT-101E with matching Landliner / Speaker (will not separate). I've re-capped the electrolytics. It works fine. \$450.

Kenwood TS-120S for sale. Works fine. \$280.

Last chance before they go to RARs Fest.

Rooftop tower, Tailtwister rotor, Hygain controller mast and thrust bearing

Posted March 24th, 2026 by: K4MWB

Contact: [K4MWB](#)

Rooftop tower, Tailtwister rotor, Hygain controller mast and thrust bearing and cable. In storage and ready to go. \$1,000.

Xiegu 6100 or 6200

Posted March 21st, 2026 by: [K4WWR](#)

Contact: rwalker63@aol.com

Is there any feedback out there regarding these 2 models. Is the 6200 really worth 2x the price. Any feedback would be highly appreciative. Old man in Raleigh. :-) K4WWR

RARS Classifieds continued

Pre RARSFest Power supplies for sale

Posted March 10th, 2026 by: [KA2FWC](#)

Contact: ka2fwc@bellsouth.net

This is the list of what I have for sale I will sell the balance at RARSfest

Linear

Triplite M/N qty Price Each Description

Triplite PR7B 2 \$60.00 7 amp

Triplite PR10b 2 \$70.00 10 amp

Triplite PR12 2 \$80.00 15 amp

Triplite PR15 1 \$90.00 12 amp

Triplite PR40 2 \$150.00 40 amp

Radio Shack RS 22-502 1 \$20.00 1.57 amp unregulated

Radio Shack RS22-504 1 \$30.00 3 amp regulated

Switching

Meanwell RSP 320 -12/A 1 \$50.00 12v 26.7 amps

Meanwell SD 50B -12 7 \$20.00 DC-DC 19-36 vin 12v 4.2amp out

Meanwell S-50B -12 1 \$25.00 S-50-12 12V 4.2A (50w)

LAMBDA JWS150-12/A 2 \$75.00 \$12V 13A

Yaesu FTdx1200 160 to 6 Meter 100 Watt HF Transceiver

Posted April 8th, 2026 by: K4HF

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Thanks, Chuck

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Minutes, Board of Directors Meeting

Raleigh Amateur Radio Society

March 3, 2026
7:04 PM on Zoom

- 1) Call to Order – Tony O’Connor K1OC
- 2) Quorum Call – Josh Kurland KR4BTW confirmed there was a quorum. Board members present were:
 - Jeremy Lindsley K2HJX
 - Brad Bazemore KK4PWJ
 - John Hollowell K4JAH
 - Bob Starkenburg W4TTX
 - Tom Lewis N4TL
 - Nancy Torborg KB2TNR
 - Chuck Littlewood K4HF
 - Richard Hall KR4LH
 - Will Gwaltney WA4GK
 - Alan Pitegoff AB4OZ
 - Tadd Torborg KA2DEW
 - Ryan Reed N7RYN
 - Fin Gold NC4FG
- 3) President O’Connor asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Minutes from the February 2026 Board Meeting. The motion was made, seconded, and approved.
- 4) Old Business
 - Awards Update - Bob W4TTX

The board approved one nomination made by the general membership.

RARS Board of Directors Meeting minutes continued

- Storage Unit - Tony K1OC

President O'Connor asked for a motion to allocate funds for a 10x15 storage unit to store RARS equipment. The motion was made, seconded and approved. Several members brought up the need for an official quartermaster.

- By-Laws Amendments - Tony K1OC

President O'Connor explained that most of the updates the Board intends to make need to be changed in both the club by-laws as well as the articles of incorporation. To amend the articles takes a vote of 50% of the membership entitled to vote *or* two thirds of the membership present. The vote will be held on June 9th and further information will be mailed to the membership by May 9th.

- AV Equipment - John K4JAH

John plans to use the new Zoom Bar at the next General Meeting.

5) New Business

- Charitable Solicitation License Exemption Request - Jeremy K2HJX

North Carolina has a law that requires any organization that solicits contributions to be licensed in the state or qualify for an exemption. RARS qualifies for the exemption, however the NC Secretary of State mandates that organizations apply for an annual filing. The board voted to apply for the exception and to remove the donation button for the time being. The motion was seconded and approved.

- Appoint Finance Committee - Tony K1OC

If you are interested in being on the finance committee, contact President O'Connor.

6) Officer's Reports

- Vice-President's Report – Chuck Till K4RGN

The next open slot for speakers is in July.

- Treasurer's Report – Greg Seamster KE4PAX

RARS has 542 members, including 12 new members this month! A company has been contacted for the ARRL grant postcard mailing.

- **Secretary's Report** – Josh Kurland KR4BTW

The Minutes are up to date. The digital attendance sheet was used at the last Gathering and will be used at the March General Meeting.

RARS Board of Directors Meeting minutes continued

Committee Reports:

- **Net Manager** Julie McCrary KT4JR
- **Public Service Director** Jeremy Lindsley K2HJX
The first event is coming up this Saturday at Wakefield HS.
- **Education Director** Brad Bazemore KK4PWJ
Several students have signed up for the March class.
- **FM Repeater Chair** John Hollowell K4JAH
The repeater committee welcomed two new members to their ranks, Patrick Hannon K3PMH and Jim Thompson KQ4QWX. The committee has received the new controller for the 64 repeater and are putting it through validation and configuration. A new MeshCore repeater has been set up at the Eastern in North Hills.
- **Club License Trustees** Bob Starkenburg W4TTX
The club license is still valid.
- **EXciter Editor** Tom Lewis N4TL
To submit an article to the EXciter, send an email to n4tl2@yahoo.com.
- **RARSfest Chair** Nancy Torborg KB2TNR
Three new dealers will be at RARSfest, including Arris
- **Food Service Chair** OPEN
- **ARRL Liaison** Chuck Littlewood K4HF
Marvin Hoffman WA4NC has been reelected as NC Section manager for another 2 years.
- **NC QSO Party Chair** Marty Young W4MY
- **Field Day Chair** Marty Young W4MY *pro tem*
- **RARS VE Coordinators** Richard Hall KR4LH
Nine people passed their licensing exams at the February Gathering. RARSfest testing will not allow walkins this year.
- **RARS Webmaster** Will Gwaltney WA4GK
The website is up to date.
- **Youth Chairman** OPEN
- **At Large Director** Alan Pitegoff AB4OZ

RARS Board of Directors Meeting minutes continued

- **At Large Director** Tadd Torborg KA2DEW
The March New Ham club will experiment with voltage drop on wires. The Torborgs have volunteered to host the NC QSO party in 2027.
- **At Large Director** Ryan Reed N7RYN
Ryan thanked the Torborgs one more time for hosting the NC QSO party.
- **Past President** Fin Gold NC4FG

8) Adjournment

President O'Connor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion being made and seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Josh Kurland KR4BTW, RARS Secretary

Minutes

RARS General Membership Meeting

March 10, 2026, 7:30 PM

1. Call to Order and Welcome – President Tony O’Connor K1OC called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. He reminded participants of a few tips about using Zoom. President O’Connor mentioned the recent architectural changes to the church meeting room and the new Zoom Bar used to live stream the meeting.
2. Opening Comments - Tony O’Connor K1OC
 - a. President O’Connor congratulated Tadd and Nancy Torborg for a fabulous job hosting the NC QSO Party at their Raleigh home. Check out the EXciter article for more details.
 - b. Mike K3LOE has requested help to monitor the W4ATC repeater on Thursday, March 12 to talk on air with students from Conn Magnet Elementary School.
 - c. The Technician class starts Saturday March 14th.
 - d. Upcoming events:
 - i. RARS Dinner - Tuesday, March 17
 - ii. The Gathering -Tuesday, March 24.
 - iii. RARSfest - Saturday April 4th.
 - iv. Board Meeting - April 7 on Zoom.
 - v. ARRL Field Day (June 27-28) - Marty W4MY is in need of a co-chair.
3. President O'Connor recognized visitors and new members and one upgrade, Arash KR4GOJ to Extra.

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4. Vice President's Report or announcements – Chuck Till K4RGN

Chuck announced that our April program speaker will be AA4BK on Linked Repeater Systems in North Carolina. The May meeting will be a “Show and Tell” chaired by John K4JAH.

5. Secretary's Report or announcements – Josh Kurland KR4BTW

The minutes are up to date. Josh is looking for feedback with the new digital Attendance sheet.

6. Treasurer's Report or announcements – Greg Seamster KE4PAX

RARS has 541 members. Greg reported two silent keys, Betty Orander, KE4NGM and Howard Goodman, N4KYW.

7. Specific Announcements or Reports from Directors

a. Brantley West K4CBW - Portable Operating Group

The next club outing will be March 28th at Jordan Lake. John K4EB will be setting up the club's new satellite system.

a. Alan AB4OZ - Hamfest

The next AB4OZ hamfest will be Saturday March 14th at the Ridge Road Baptist Church. Setup at 9am, starts at 9:30.

a. Michael Johnson KZ4LY

Michael is offering a beginners course in learning CW.

a. Tadd Torborg KA2DEW

Tadd reported another great New Ham meeting for March.

8. Quorum Call: in-person + Zoom: President O'Connor asked standing secretary Josh Kurland whether a quorum was achieved, and he confirmed that there was a quorum.

RARS General Membership Meeting minutes continued

9. Approval of Club Meeting Minutes: President O'Connor asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the RARS meetings for February 2025. The motion was made, seconded, and approved.
10. Door Prize Drawing - Tony O'Connor K1OC
President O'Connor supervised the drawing of tickets for three door prizes. The prizes were a light-up callsign badge, the 2021 ARRL Antenna Handbook and a \$25 Visa card. The winners were: Jay Gilleece KQ4PSK, Ryan Conifer KR7PDX and Dan Stancil WY30.
11. VP Chuck Till, K4RGN to introduce two programs,
Awards Presentation
Bob Starkenburg W4TTX
RARS*fest* 2026
Presented by Nancy Torborg KB2TNR.
12. Following the program President Elect O'Connor asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Josh Kurland KR4BTW, RARS Secretary